



THE STORY OF JAPAN ROBERT VAN BERGEN	<div data-bbox="442 1120 1032 1180" data-label="Section-Header"> <h1>THE STORY OF JAPAN</h1> </div> <div data-bbox="549 1214 930 1256" data-label="Text"> <p>ROBERT VAN BERGEN</p> </div> <div data-bbox="239 1276 1222 1709" data-label="Text"> <p>Robert van Bergen was one of the first Americans to enter Japan after the country opened its borders to foreign visitors following centuries of isolation. He taught English to Japanese aristocrats, eventually becoming principal of the Nobles' School in Tokyo. This book, which he wrote for young readers during his stay in the country, was first published in 1897. It includes many illustrations. From the preface: "Our schoolbooks on geography and general history touch but lightly upon the Japanese Empire, and it is for the purpose of enabling children to obtain a correct idea of the people, and of the impulses leading to the rapid progress of the past quarter of a century, that "The Story of Japan" has been written. [...] While the thread of historical events runs throughout this book, many incidents and characteristic stories have been cited to illustrate the manners and customs of the various periods. As the book is designed for children, the stories are clothed in simple form and language, which will, it is hoped, render them attractive to the young mind."</p> </div> <div data-bbox="462 1729 1011 1771" data-label="Text"> <p>TOTAL RUNNING TIME 06:30:52</p> </div> <div data-bbox="242 1825 1220 1908" data-label="Text"> <p>This LibriVox recording is in the public domain and may be reproduced, distributed or modified without permission. The LibriVox objective is to make all books in the public domain available, for free, in audioformat on the Internet. For more information or to volunteer, please visit librivox.org.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="467 1924 984 1980" data-label="Text"> <p>Cover designed by Availle with a postcard from 1911. This design is in the public domain.</p> </div>	THE STORY OF JAPAN ROBERT VAN BERGEN
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